

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1 1. (currently amended) A system for protecting
2 buildings or structures against external influences with wire
3 cables that are placed under tension over ~~and/or around~~ adjacent at
4 least a part of the building or structure, ~~characterized in that~~
5 ~~the wire cables are maintained under tension, and their~~ the system
6 comprising

7 ends or extensions of the cables of a predetermined
8 cross-sectional size and made of a predetermined material; and are
9 anchored in a

10 respective clamping body or the like (10) that has bodies
11 each having a guide [(11)] passage receiving the respective end
12 or extension and that is shaped such that when the tensile force is
13 increased the reaction force presented by the clamping body
14 [(10)] is increased generally proportionally to the tensile
15 force, the passage having a frustoconical inside surface that
16 narrows progressively in the direction of the tensile force, the
17 clamping bodies being made of a material that is harder than the
18 material of the end or extension of the respective cables.

2 - 3. (canceled)

1 4. (currently amended) The [[A]] system according to
2 claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~ 1 wherein the wire cable or its

3 extension is plastically deformed when relative movement occurs
4 through the guide ~~[[11]]~~ in the direction of the tensile force
5 ~~[[15]]~~.

1 5. (currently amended) The ~~[[A]]~~ system according to
2 claim 1 ~~, characterized in that wherein~~ the end of the wire cable
3 or its extension is divided into a plurality of partial cable
4 elements that are disposed at mutual acute angles.

1 6. (currently amended) The ~~[[A]]~~ system according to
2 claim 5 ~~, characterized in that wherein~~ the guide ~~[[11]]~~ for the
3 wire cable or for its extension is comprised of a plurality of
4 clamping jaws or spring-loaded rolls that are mounted at individual
5 mutual angles.

1 7. (currently amended) The ~~[[A]]~~ system according to
2 claim 1 ~~, characterized in that wherein~~ the extension of the wire
3 cable is comprised of a strip-like body that preferably is wound on
4 a roll.

1 8. (currently amended) The ~~[[A]]~~ system according to
2 claim 1 ~~, characterized in that wherein~~ the wire cable or the
3 extension thereof, has a multiple stepwise broadening or a
4 continuous broadening.

5 9. (currently amended) The [[A]] system according to
6 claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ different cables have
7 different reaction forces or different breakage strengths.

1 10. (currently amended) The [[A]] system according to
2 claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the wire cables [[(23)]]
3 can be accommodated [[in/at]] in or at the facade or roof of the
4 building or structure [[,]] for protective storage.

1 11. (currently amended) The [[A]] system according to
2 claim 1, ~~characterized in that further comprising~~
3 a frame structure ~~(29, 29')~~ is provided outside the
4 building or structure that offers an additional facade surface in
5 which the wire cables can be accommodated [[,]] for protective
6 storage.

1 12. (currently amended) The [[A]] system according to
2 claim 1, ~~characterized in that further comprising~~
3 profiles [[(22)]] mounted on or in the facade or roof
4 form cavities in which wire cables can be accommodated [[,]] for
5 protective storage.

1 13. (currently amended) The [[A]] system according to
2 claim 1, ~~characterized in that further comprising~~

3 means for connecting the clamping body [[(10)]] in which
4 the end of a wire cable [[(23)]] or the extension thereof is held
5 [[is]] translationally movably ~~connected~~ to the building or
6 structure.

1 14. (currently amended) The [[A]] system according to
2 claim 1, ~~characterized in that further comprising~~
3 profiles connected to the wire cables, ~~(23) are connected~~
4 ~~to profiles (24, 25, 27, 28)~~ that are mounted on or in the facades
5 or roof, and that can be rotated, swung, or moved translationally.

1 15. (currently amended) The [[A]] system according to
2 claim 14, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the profiles [[(24, 25,

3 27, 28)]] cause the wire cables [[(23)]] to be pulled out of the
4 wire cable storage places and to be ~~placed under tensioned~~ [[,]] by
5 ~~means of~~ rotational, swinging, or translational movement of the
6 profiles.

1 16. (currently amended) The [[A]] system according to
2 claim 13, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the profiles ~~(22, 24, 25,~~
3 ~~27, 28)~~ and/or frame structures [[(29, 29')]] are essentially
4 comprised of metal.

1 17. (currently amended) The [[A]] system according to
2 claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the wire cables placed
3 under tension form a net structure.

1 18. (currently amended) The [[A]] system according to
2 claim 14, ~~characterized in that~~ further comprising
3 central control means ~~are provided~~ for the rotational,
4 swinging, or translational movement of the profiles ~~{24, 25, 27,~~
5 ~~28} and/~~ or the frame structures ~~[(29, 29')]]~~.

1 19. (currently amended) The [[A]] system according to
2 claim 18, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the control means are
3 connected to a warning ~~system~~ or alarm system ~~[[]]~~.